GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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TWIN CITIES NETWORK SERVICES IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from Andhra Pradesh forproviding better Telecom services to the subscribers of the State and completion of TWINS PROJECT (Twin Cities Network Services);

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for delay; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for early completion of the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Andhra Pradesh Government has requested participation of Andhra Pradesh TelecomCircle in the TWINS PROJECT for collection of telephone bills and providing information to subscriber on their accounts. Andhra Pradesh Government also asked for permission to share design features of the software to enable integration with different applications of the departments and agencies of IT.

Andhra Pradesh Government has been requested to consider permitting Department ofTelecommunications terminals at twins centers from the existing billing system, but the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for data base connectivity. Since the present software does not support open data base connectivity, Andhra Pradesh Government has been requested topermit Department of Telecommunications terminals at twins centers till upgraded and stable software is available.